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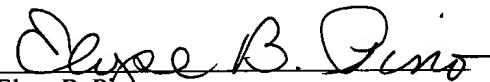
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**REMARKS**

**The term "promoting"**

In connection with all outstanding rejections in this case, it is believed that the Patent Office has not appreciated the Applicants' use of the term "promoting." "Promoting," as used herein, is not meant to define promoting a biochemical pathway, but promoting in the sense that an individual or organization would encourage and/or instruct treatment as recited in the pending claims.